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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRl V. N. GADGIL^ Th$_e$ totai earnings so far made through sponsorship fees and spot advertisements of the TV serials Hum Log, Yeh Jo Hai Zindagi, Khandan, Nukkad and Rajni is Rs. 13.94 crores.

Colloquium on "Indian Television Today and Tomorrow"

419. SHRIMATl MAIMOONA SULTAN; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether a 3-day colloquium on "Indian Television Today and Tomorrow" was held in New Delhi from March 22, 1986, onwards;

(b) if so, what specific issues' were discussed and suggestions made at the colloquium; and

(c) what was Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A three day Colloquium on "Television Today and Tomorrow" was held at Delhi from March 22, 1986 under the aegis of NAMEDIA Foundation. A cross-section of people, interested and involved in media activities were invited to participate in its deliberations. According to reports a free and frank discussion was held on various aspects of Doordarshan's working, programmes, activities constraints and impediments, etc. However, no specific suggestions of the National Colloquium have s° far been received by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Iron Ore resources

420. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the estimated iron ore resources of the country which have been identified;

(b) whether it is a fact that these are the Sixth largest in the world-

(c) whether any extensive survey was undertaken to explore new iron ore deposits in the country; and

(d) the number of years ^{tn}e iron or$_e$ reserves are likeiy to- test assuming a three-fold increase in the number of steel plants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE . IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) The estimate of iron ore resources of the country which have identified is 17.678 tonnes;

(b) As per available information, the reserves of iron ore in lndia are th$_e$ fourth largest in th$_e$ World after USSR, Brazil and Australia.

(c) Survey of minerals is a continuous Perocess and during the Vlth Plan period ^{ne}w iron ore deposits have also been explored resulting in establishing ment of additional reserve of 1696 million tonnes.

(d) The Sub-Group on Iron ore constituted by Planning Commission is of the view that even if the present level of production i$_s$ doubled to a level of 80 to 90 million tonnes per year th$_e$ hematite reserves should last for another IOO years- However, when a fuller exploration of th$_e$ deposits is done there is the possibility of this estimat$_e$ of life index being revised upwards-